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Fig. 1

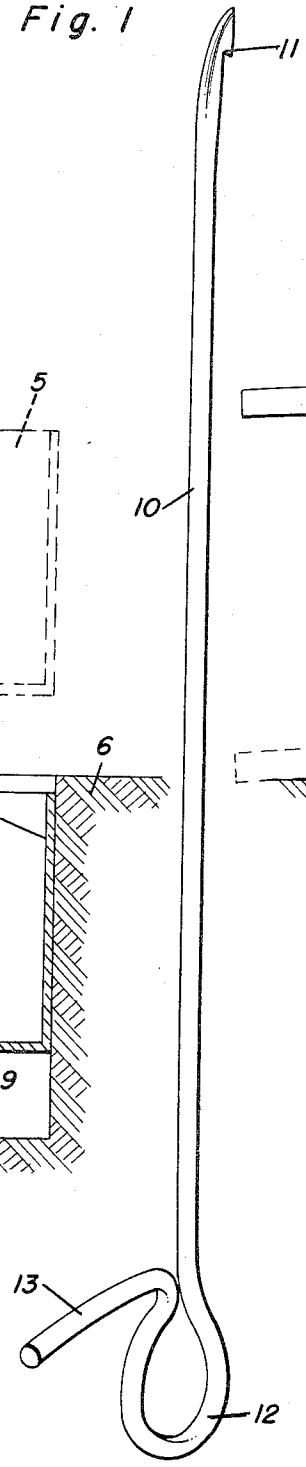


Fig. 2

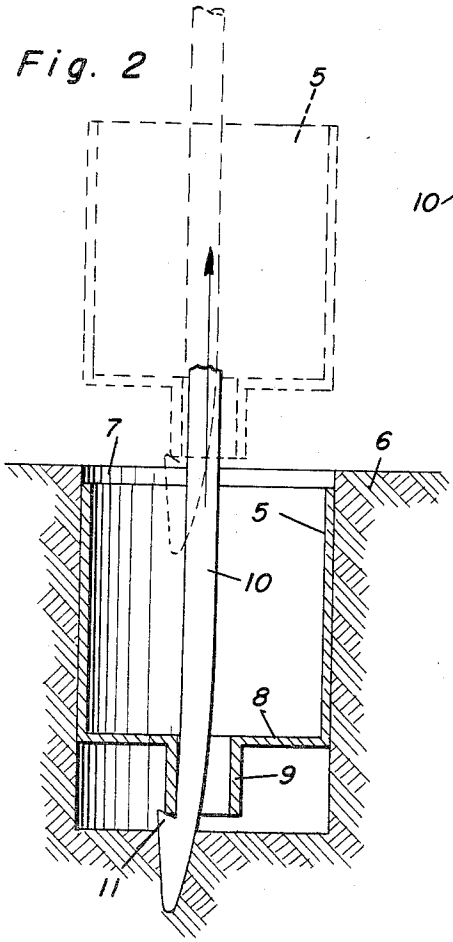
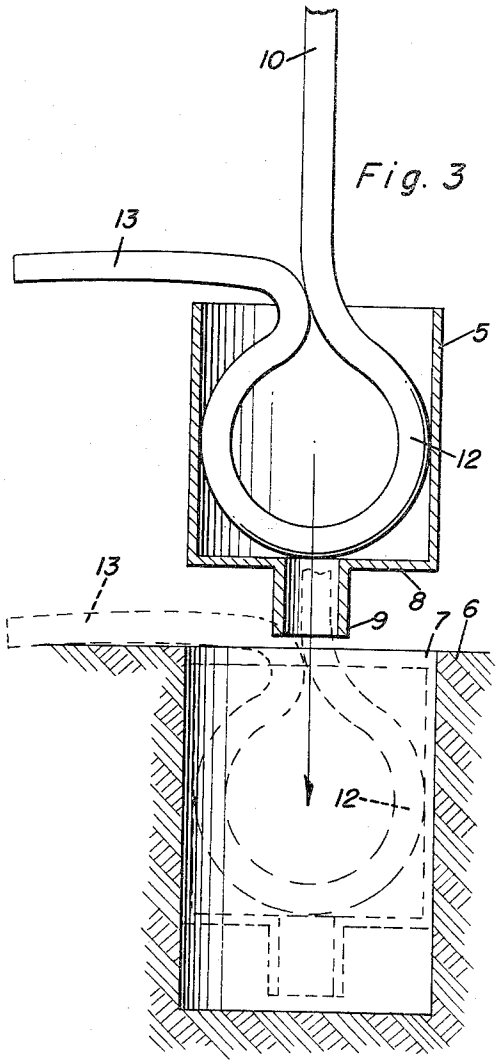


Fig. 3



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The present invention relates to a tool for removing and replacing golf cups and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character comprising a novel construction and arrangement whereby these two operations may be expeditiously performed with a minimum of effort without damaging the cup in any way or disturbing the adjacent ground and grass.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a golf cup tool of the aforementioned character which will be relatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tool constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a view in vertical section through a golf cup, showing said cup being removed from the ground with a tool in accordance with the present invention; and,

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view, showing a golf cup being replaced with a tool embodying the present invention, a portion of said tool being shown in side elevation.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that reference numeral **5** designates a conventional golf cup which is embedded in the ground **6** in a hole **7** which is provided for said cup. The bottom **8** of the cup **5** comprises the usual flag staff receiving and drain tube **9**. The embodiment of the present invention which has been illustrated comprises a metallic shaft or shank **10** of suitable length and diameter. One end portion of the shank **10** is formed to provide a hook **11** which is insertable through the tube **9** and engageable beneath the lower end thereof in the manner shown to advantage in Figure 2 of the drawing.

The other end portion of the shank **10** is formed to provide a split loop **12** which terminates in a substantially horizontally projecting free end portion constituting a foot-piece **13**.

It is thought that the manner in which the tool is used will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, to remove the cup **5** from its hole

or well **7**, the shank **10** is inserted in said cup with the hook **11** lowermost. The hook **11** is passed downwardly through the depending tube **9** and firmly engaged beneath the lower end thereof. The cup may now be expeditiously extracted by pulling upwardly on the shank **10**. When the cup is to be replaced in the ground, said cup is mounted on the loop **12** in the manner shown in Figure 3 of the drawing. It will be noted that the loop **12** engages the bottom **8** of the cup and the peripheral walls thereof at diametrically opposite points in a manner to frictionally secure same on the shank **10** preparatory to inserting said cup in the hole **7**. The cup is then introduced into the hole **7** and driven home by downward pressure on the shank **10**. Any additional pressure that may be needed may be readily had by applying a foot to the member **13**. It will be observed that the tool is formed from a single length of material.

It is believed that the many advantages of a golf cup tool constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A golf cup tool comprising: a metallic shank, a loop integral with one end of said shank insertable in a golf cup and engageable with the walls thereof for frictionally securing said cup on said shank for insertion in the ground thereby, and a foot piece integral with one end of the loop and providing means for forcing the cup into the ground.

2. A golf cup tool comprising, a metallic shank, a split loop on one end of said shank insertable in a golf cup and engageable with the bottom and the peripheral walls thereof at diametrically opposite points for frictionally securing said cup on said shank for insertion in the ground thereby, and a foot piece on one end of said loop providing additional means for forcing the cup into the ground, said shank, loop and foot piece comprising a single length of metal.

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